

September 3, 1999

TO: Mr. Jack B. Clarke, Jr.
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FROM: Paula Higashi, Executive Director

SUBJECT: MEETING AND HEARING OF THE COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES
SEPTEMBER 15, 1999, 3:00 P.M.
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 437
ADOPTION OF PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES
SPECIAL EDUCATION – CSM 3986
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES; GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE;
ENROLLMENT CASELOADS; EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR; RESOURCE
SPECIALIST PROGRAM (EXCLUDING MAXIMUM CASELOADS); MAXIMUM
AGE LIMIT – AGE 22; INTERIM PLACEMENTS; AND WRITTEN CONSENT

Here is the Final Staff Analysis for the September 15, 1999, special hearing on the Special Education Parameters and Guidelines.

The Hearing

The parameters and guidelines will be considered during an informational hearing. For this type of hearing, the Commission's regulations do not require sworn testimony. However, the Commission may require that evidence on specified issues of fact or matters of technical expertise be presented as sworn testimony. These requirements do not preclude unsworn oral or written comments from being offered during the hearing. Questions from Commission members or staff are in order at any time. At the close of an oral statement, the presiding member may allow other persons to question a witness or person presenting a statement.

Presentation of Argument/Testimony

On July 29, 1999, during a pre-hearing conference, the parties to this claim agreed to the following time limits and order of testimony:

- Staff Introduction (3-5 minutes)
- Opening Statements (20 minutes)
 - Claimants (10 minutes)
 - Department of Finance (10 minutes)
- Legal Issue 1: Offsets (30-60 minutes)
 - Claimants (15 minutes)
 - Department of Finance (15 minutes)
 - Discussion/Questions

Legal Issue 2: Uniform or Actual Costs (30-60 minutes)

Claimants (15 minutes)

Department of Finance (15 minutes)

Discussion/Questions

Review of Proposed Parameters and Guidelines (1 hour)

Review Exhibits

Discussion/Questions

With this schedule, it appears that the hearing may last about three hours, depending on Commission members' questions and discussion.

Please call David Scribner at 323-3562 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 15.

Enclosures

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